

## HENRY FORD HAS SAILED: MISSION TO BRING PEACE CONTINUES TASK

Special Train Bearing Members of Auto Maker's Party Arrives in Stockholm, Where Swedish Pacifists Welcome Them

ABSENCE OF LEADER WILL NOT INTERFERE

Before Parting From Delegation Detroit Man Gave Check For \$270,000 To Finance Campaign To Put An End To War

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 25.—A Reuter despatch from Stockholm reports the arrival there yesterday by special train of the members of the Ford peace party, a welcome being extended to them by the members of the Swedish Peace and Arbitration Association.

Mr. Ford's secretary announced that Mr. Ford would rejoin the party soon and that the delegation would not split up because of the absence of the leader, but would go on with the original program.

Ford Sails for Home  
Christiania reports of yesterday confirm the surmises of the evening before that Ford left his party and is on his way home to the United States. He sailed from Bergen yesterday aboard the Norwegian liner Bergensfjord for New York.

Ford said he expected the expedition would continue without him. It is reported that his departure was due to the fact that his physician ordered rest for him. The rumors say that Ford broke down physically when he found that official recognition for his mission was withheld and his arrival in Europe greeted with cold aloofness. Ford continues financing the trip.

New Leaders Appointed  
He has appointed new leaders for the party, including Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver and Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago, John Barry, the San Francisco newspaperman, and Lieutenant Governor Bethea of South Carolina.

The Christiania newspapers say that owing to the withdrawal of Ford prominent Norwegian pacifists may not accompany the party on its further tour.

No Norwegian peace advocates responded to Mr. Ford's invitation to join the party to visit Stockholm and Copenhagen and establish working headquarters.

Leaves Large Check  
Prior to sailing, Ford left a check for \$270,000 to finance the further tour of the peace party, it is learned today. He says he recognizes the impossibility to make headway for peace with the party at loggerheads. He says also he is satisfied with what has been accomplished, the cause of peace having been given publicity in the newspapers and will have power to end the war.

## HAMBURG-AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN TOILS

Had Been Dodging Federal Subpoena Servers Since November

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) NEW YORK, December 25.—Robert Capelle, one of the main officials in the New York offices of the Hamburg-American Company, who has been dodging the federal subpoena servers since November, was finally served last night and will appear in the trials of some of the Germans under arrest charged with complicity in the various bomb plots.

Capelle came into the city from his hiding place last night after dark and would probably have succeeded in again dodging the summons to appear as a witness had he not speeded his motor beyond the legal limit and been pursued and taken to the police station by a traffic officer.

When being looked for speeding, Capelle was recognized and the federal officers notified. He was held until they arrived with the federal subpoena.

ANOTHER IMMENSE SUM APPROPRIATED FOR WAR  
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PARIS, December 25.—The senate yesterday adopted a bill appropriating 7,000,000,000 francs for the purpose of the war during the first three months of 1916. The bill postpones the immediate application of the new and much higher tax upon private revenues and sets the date of its imposition over on 1917. Minister Ribot, speaking on the bill, said that the resources of France are still considerable without resorting to extraordinary taxation.

## REBELLION RENDS YUNNAN PROVINCE

Government Troops Are Loyal But Republicans Are Arming To Depose Yuan

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PEKING, December 24.—A revolutionary movement against the monarchy has broken out in the province of Yunnan. The movement is under the leadership of Tasi Ao, former military governor of Yunnan and an opponent of the monarchy. The government has sent 30,000 troops to quell the insurrection, which started at Yuan Nafu, Yunnan. The government troops are reported still loyal to Yuan in this province and neighboring provinces are not affected.

## CHINESE REVOLT IS AGAINST YUAN

PHILADELPHIA, December 25.—General Hwang Hsing, revolutionary leader, who is here working amongst the Chinese of the Eastern States for the financing of the expected revolution in China, gave out a statement yesterday regarding the revolution which is reported to have broken out in the Province of Yunnan.

"The sole object of this uprising," he said, "is to uphold the republican government, to demonstrate the unpopularity of the plans of the monarchists and to punish Yuan Shih-kai for his treachery to the Republic and for the violation of his oath of office."

"The revolutionists will fight under the flag of the Republic, to which a white pennant will be added, inscribed with the objects of the republicans."

General Hwang lands the patriotism of Governor Tasi. He says that he intends to return to China soon to take his stand with the republicans in arms.

## ILLNESS CONFINES WILHELM TO HOME

But He Is Able To Attend Christmas Eve Reunion of Hohenzollerns

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) BERLIN, December 25.—The Emperor is confined through his indisposition to his home at Potsdam, but the unceremonious nature of his illness was demonstrated by the fact that yesterday he attended the customary celebration of Christmas eve given by the members of the Hohenzollern family, in reunion.

Von Hindenburg yesterday proclaimed a new tariff to go into effect in Russian Poland after the New Year. The new tariff shows many reductions over the former Russian tariff.

Thousands of soldiers are home from the front on furlough for the holidays, and the various cities have been experiencing good Christmas seasons. The Christmas shopping which has been going on does not indicate that there is any great lack of money in the country.

## SUBMARINE BASES FOR PANAMA CANAL

Service Board Is Working Out General Defense Scheme

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PANAMA, December 25.—Brigadier General Goethals, Brigadier General Edwards and Admiral Grant are here conferring over the selection of submarine bases at each end of the canal and it is probable that when these bases are determined upon and prepared there will be an increase in the size of the submarine fleets for canal defense work.

The two generals and the admiral are also arranging the locations for the nine fields and the other planned defenses.

Concerning the bases for the submarine and the number which should be stationed at the Isthmus, the conference board will make its recommendations to the war and navy departments.

NAME OF MR. LANSING FOR COAST PRIMARIES  
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—Petitions asking that the name of Robert Lansing, the present secretary of state, be placed upon the ballot for the presidential primary, in the place of the name of Theodore Roosevelt, were filed with the California secretary of state yesterday. Members of the Progressive party understood that former Progressives who have now returned to the Republican enrollment, started the movement to place Mr. Roosevelt's name upon the ballot as a Republican candidate.

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## TERRIFIC CLASH AT SALONIKA IS EXPECTED SOON

Central Powers Will Launch Their Attack Probably About New Year's Day

OBJECT IS TO SWEEP ALLIES FROM GREECE

Teutons Are Determined To Drive French and British Wholly From Macedonia

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 25.—Despatches from Athens telling of the Teutonic and Bulgarian concentration on the Serbo-Grecian frontier and the preparations being made by the Allies at Salonika presage a terrific clash soon in that theater of the war. The Central Powers will launch their attack probably about New Year's, the invasion of Greece to be made in what is planned to be an overwhelming force.

Teutons Are Determined  
The Teutonic commanders are said to be determined to sweep the French and British wholly out of Macedonia.

What is to be the attitude of Greece over this battling within her borders is no better known today than a fortnight ago.

Reports from the French front state that the battle which has been under way in the Vosges for the Hartmann-Wellerkopf positions is still undecided. A lull in the operations there for Christmas is expected.

Fighting With Labor  
Minister of Munitions Lloyd-George is spending his Christmas holidays in the Clyde district, where he is urging the union leaders to suspend their union rules for the period of the war to permit the employment of a percentage of unskilled workmen alongside the skilled munition workers.

## AUSTRIA PAVES WAY TO AN ADJUSTMENT

Vienna and Berlin Want Friendly Relations With Washington

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) VIENNA, December 25.—Providing that the conditions imposed by the United States are not such as prejudice the honor of Austria-Hungary, both Austria and Germany will do their utmost to retain the friendly relations between Vienna, Berlin and Washington. This information comes to the Associated Press correspondent upon the highest authority.

It is the conviction very generally entertained in Austrian official circles that the differences which have arisen between Vienna and Washington over the recent torpedoing and sinking of the Italian liner Ancona will be amicably settled.

The Austrian reply to the second American note is expected to be handed to Ambassador Penfield within a few days.

## RUSSIANS ARE FORCING TURKS IN MESOPOTAMIA

Slavs and British Plan Joint Campaign Against Moslems

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 25.—Reports from the headquarters of the Russian army operating against the Turks in Mesopotamia announce a series of successful advances, this force being now almost as close to Bagdad on the north as the Anglo-Indian army is on the south.

The British, at Kut-el-Amara, to which point they withdrew from almost the outskirts of Bagdad, are holding their positions and gradually being reinforced. Their camp is some ninety miles from Bagdad.

It is thought that the effort is to be made to effect a junction between the British and Russian armies for a joint campaign in the Persian Gulf hinterlands.

'ICE KING' HERE ON FIRST LONG VACATION  
John Robbins, "Ice King of Minneapolis," is a visitor in Honolulu for the first time. He is having his first vacation in fifteen years.

Mr. Robbins is the president and largest owner of Cedar Lake Ice Company, which handles more natural ice than any other concern in the United States. His company also is a large dealer in coal and stone. He believes in working nature and letting nature make a living for him.

## BIG OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL FARMER

Rapid Increase in City Population Creates Demand For Farm Produce

Every facility has been provided to receive, store and sell farm produce under Territorial auspices. The marketing division has a well equipped modern warehouse. The government has done its share. It is now up to the small farmer himself to produce the quality and volume of food supplies that this market demands. The selling and distribution end of the business has been systematized and is being handled in the most satisfactory manner.

If Hawaii's small farmers do their part and take full advantage of their opportunities they must systematize production, grow better vegetables, pack, grade and standardize, and supply their wares in steady volume. Honolulu has gone beyond the "island village" stage. It is a modern, up-to-date and growing city.

Government Assistance  
The trade is here. The government offers advice and assistance and is doing everything possible to foster the business of the small producer. The small merchant, manufacturer, artisan and laborer has to fight his own battles but the farmer has the greatest, the best talent, and trained governmental aid is at his beck and call, free of charge.

The board of agriculture and forestry, the federal experiment station and the College of Hawaii are all working in harmony in the interest of the small farmer, the expense of their services borne by the taxpayers and property owners of Hawaii and the United States. Surely with two hundred thousand dollars spent each year through these three governmental agencies no sane man can say that this community is against the small farmer idea.

Furthermore the magnificent equipment station has never yet refused aid, advice or assistance to small farmers who have agricultural problems to be solved, although it is strictly a private institution, as much so as the ribbon counter in a dry-goods store.

Every Advantage Supplied  
With all these departments of the public and private service trying to help build up a small farm population in Hawaii, with the best land laws in existence, safeguarding the interests of the homesteaders and the United States, it is not surprising that the small farmer who has adopted the plan adopted in any State in the Union, and now with a governmental selling agency to dispose of his produce, if those now in the business of growing the food supply do not awake to their opportunity others will come and take it from them.

The opportunity is getting bigger every day. It is big now. What will be when Oahu has a permanent garnison of 25,000 troops, when a hundred thousand tourists come every winter to this most wonderful fairy land of the tropics, when a thousand merchant ships touch at Honolulu to be fed and fuelled?

Up To The Farmer  
The opportunity is here and the merchants and commission men here, at the Coast and in Australia can see it because they are feeding us and our visitors with produce grown two to five thousand miles away. A greater and more immediate trade opportunity never existed than is at this moment within the grasp of "small farmers" in Hawaii.

It needs brains and know-how, and gumption just as much as land, water, capital and government assistance to make this dream come true. The last four are ready and now it is up to the small farmer to come along armed with the other three attributes. If a farmer cannot succeed in Hawaii it is his own fault.

## FARMERS NOT BUSINESS MEN, SAYS HOUSTON

Among the difficulties of American farmers are lack of familiarity with, and remoteness from, the actual machinery of distribution and finance; absence of order or system in the conduct of their own business transactions; inadequacy of storage facilities for their products; and ignorance of what their products really are in the terms of market phraseology, as well as what they are worth.

A producer of a manufactured article knows what it is and what it costs. He knows this better than the buyer. The reverse is true in agriculture. The solution of these difficulties involves a better system of warehouses with receipts which will be acceptable as collateral; the establishment of standards and grades of grain and cotton and other staple crops; the trading in the market upon standard types or grades, ascertained and fixed by the government, with such supervision and control over the operation of exchanges as may be essential to secure justice for the producer, the consumer and the intermediary.

WILL ROPE STEERS AT CARNIVAL IN MANILA  
Bound for Manila, where he will give exhibitions of cowboy stunts during the carnival, a cowboy named Bull passed through Honolulu in the Chio Maru yesterday. He was here in 1898 as a member of the Second Oregon volunteers, and recalled the luau given the regiment here. He was interested greatly in the contests to be held at Kahala New Year's Day. This will be the first time exhibitions of roping and tying have been given at the Manila carnival.

ROSELLE  
Large quantities of roselle, the home-grown substitute for cranberries, are now arriving from Maui. Housewives should not neglect the opportunity to put up roselle jams and jellies.

## AUSTRIAN RAIDER GAVE NO WARNING TO JAPANESE SHIP

Yasaka Maru, With Passengers Aboard, Was Torpedoed and Then Abandoned

AMERICANS AND ALL OTHERS ARE RESCUED

But Lives Were Endangered and This Has Been Noted By Washington

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, December 25.—The sinking by an Austrian submarine of the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru, with passengers aboard, was done without any warning being given to the commander of the ship, according to the reports made by the Americans on the liner, and based on these reports the American government will probably make new demands upon both Austria and Germany.

These demands will be that the practice of sinking passenger ships of any nationality without giving the commanders the opportunity of surrendering and placing his passengers and crew in safety must be abandoned.

Lives Were Endangered  
Although the Americans among the Yasaka passengers were rescued and no lives were lost, these Americans had their lives endangered through the act of the commander of the submarine, by attacks upon the high seas upon passenger carrying vessels must stop.

The administration will thus be maintaining its stand for the rights of non-combatants at sea and the principles that merchant vessels cannot be torpedoed without warning.

The Yasaka Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha line was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean and it is reported that an Austrian submarine did the torpedoing.

Washington Will Act  
It was stated in official circles here yesterday that further diplomatic correspondence with Austria would ensue at once and that demands would be made for suitable reparation, based on the American attitude as outlined in the various notes on freedom of the seas for neutrals and non-combatants.

The state department yesterday cabled the American consular agent at Port Said to make a full report on the circumstances of the Yasaka case.

## JAPANESE CREW DOES GALLANT WORK

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji) TOKIO, December 24.—One hundred and twenty passengers and 140 of the crew of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Yasaka Maru were saved in her ship's boat, when she was torpedoed near the Suez Canal. There was no loss of life. The crew did gallant work in the emergency and was cool throughout. Specie lost was yen 1,000,000, consigned to the National Bank of Japan. The government lost, including the specie, was yen 3,200,000.

PREVIOUSLY WAS DAMAGED  
Since the loss of the Yasaka Maru it is recalled that officers of a Nippon Yusen Kaisha freighter, here during the summer, said that she had been damaged by a bomb dropped from a Zeppelin, while lying at London. A hole was torn in her deck, but the damage was not extensive.

## WIRELESS 'XMAS' GREETINGS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, December 25.—Secretary Daniels yesterday sent out messages of Christmas greetings broadcast by wireless last night.

WILLGERTH-SCHLEMMER  
Rev. Canon William Ault of St. Andrew's Cathedral officiating, Henry Willgeroth, ex-boatman with the Walman Sugar Mill Company, of Waimea, Kauai, and Miss Mary Ann Schlemmer, daughter of Capt. Max Schlemmer, "King of Laysan Islands," were married at one o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of the parents of the bride, 1180 Gulick avenue, Kalihi. The witnesses were M. B. Honke and Miss Therese Schlemmer, sister of the bride.

After a short honeymoon spent in the country, Mr. and Mrs. Willgeroth will leave for Waimea, Kauai, where they will make their home.

The wedding of the Garden Islander and the Honolulu maid is the culmination of a pretty romance, which had its inception shortly after Captain Schlemmer left Honolulu some months ago in his little "loop" Helene for Laysan Island. Among the persons aboard the ship were Miss Mary Ann Schlemmer and her little brother, Otto. The trip, shortly after leaving Honolulu, was so rough and Miss Schlemmer suffered so much from sea sickness that her father had to leave her in Waimea Bay, in Kauai, and there left his daughter and the little boy. While awaiting an opportunity to return to Honolulu Miss Schlemmer and Mr. Willgeroth met. Shortly afterwards their engagement was announced. The wedding took place yesterday.

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## GOVERNOR ISSUES YULETIDE PARDONS

Executive Clemency Extended To Murderers, Embezzlers, Grafters, Burglars and Perjurers

Former Supervisor and Man Who Ran Down Keuk Are Among Favored

Convicted murderers, embezzlers, grafters, burglars, perjurers and others received executive clemency as Christmas gifts yesterday when Governor Pinkham approved and signed a number of paroles, commutations of sentence and full and free pardons. Among those released from the territorial penitentiary and the city jail in Honolulu, as well as from the county jail in Hilo, are men who have figured prominently in bloody and other crimes in these islands.

Probably the most prominent among those who were the recipients yesterday of executive clemency are John A. Keoluha, former supervisor of the County of Hawaii; Watanabe Masagi, former leader of a band of thugs and cutthroats in Hilo; Chun Duck Soon, light-fingered gent, whose release from prison now is the result of his services in locating and leading the police to where his fellow countryman, Yee Yo Keuk, had his rendezvous.

The paroled men are George C. Allen, convicted of forgery; Manuel R. Borges, embezzlement; John A. Keoluha, embezzlement, and Diego Anrios, first-degree burglary.

Those Who Were Pardoned  
Full and free pardons were granted to the following:

Kimura Tobei, convicted of first degree murder in Honolulu on September 12, 1902, and sentenced to hang, the death sentence being commuted to life imprisonment on May 23, 1904. In this case the life sentence was commuted on January 1, 1909, to thirty years' imprisonment and further commuted on December 25, 1913, to twenty years.

Peter Sawai, convicted in Honolulu on April 22, 1909, of the crime of first-degree burglary and sentenced to ten years' imprisonment.

Yochi Kobayashi, West Hawaii, perjury, November 17, 1913, four years; Takada, Honolulu, second-degree murder, December 13, 1905, twenty years; Chang Koon Wai, Kauai, second-degree murder, September 8, 1902, twenty years; Antonio Delgar, Honolulu, first degree burglary, November 1, 1907; fifteen years; Watanabe Masagi, Hilo, second-degree murder, June 26, 1903, twenty-five years; Watanabe Masagi, Hilo, first-degree conspiracy, April 4, 1904, ten years; Liverato Soto, West Hawaii, first-degree manslaughter, August 21, 1905, twenty years; Omuli, Honolulu, first-degree manslaughter, April 5, 1904, twenty years; Minozuke Hayashida, Honolulu, first-degree manslaughter, October 3, 1904, twenty years.

Others Also Are Favored  
Hong Wo, serving time in the Honolulu city jail, was pardoned. He was convicted on September 10, 1914, on four charges of grosscheat, and was sentenced to six months on each, a total of two years. A pardon was also extended to Louis Damalo, serving time in the Hawaii county jail at Hilo. Damalo was convicted in Hilo on a charge of threatening to be violent to another, and was placed under bond for one year to keep the peace.

A commutation of sentence went the way of Han San Won, who was convicted in Hilo on March 23, 1903, of murder in the second degree, and sentenced to twenty-five years' imprisonment. Under a statutory commutation, the man's term of imprisonment will expire March 26, 1904. The prisoners who were paroled and pardoned were given their liberty yesterday afternoon.

G. O. P. NEEDS MAN SAYS JOURNALIST  
Owner of Minneapolis Paper Wants Senator Root To Succeed President Wilson

H. V. Jones, proprietor of the Minneapolis Journal, is here as a through passenger in the Great Northern. He is authority for the statement that Honolulu in 1917 will be so filled with visitors that the present accommodations provided for guests will be entirely inadequate. He also objects to the hotel rates, saying that they are not high enough, and should go up at least two to four dollars a day.

Speaking of the political situation on the mainland, he said that the Republican party is in need of a man to gather back into the fold the scattered ends and make the party united again. He looks upon Elihu Root as the man best fitted for the presidency, but seems to feel that Justice Hughes could do more in getting things together than any other man. Mr. Wilson had been fairly treated by the paper which Mr. Jones represents, but as to some of his policies, particularly the tariff, the Minneapolis Journal could not support him.

Jones does not believe that the overwhelming defeat of the New York charter at the recent election was a defeat for Root. He says it was not Root's charter but a compromise charter which was voted on. The bulk of the voters in the Empire State have had so much of the "good government" cry that they were determined to leave things alone and not make any more changes that they would be sorry for.

## MEN IN DUGOUTS WILL DETERMINE HOW CHRISTMAS SHALL BE SPENT

Natal Day of the Savior Likely To Be Observed On Firing Line In Manner Little Different To That of Last Year

THIS HAS BEEN LEFT TO TROOPS THEMSELVES

Throughout British Isles There Will Be Military Celebrations—Many Gifts Sent To Front—German Prisoners Celebrate

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 25.—This will be the second Christmas spent by the armies in the trenches, and it is expected that it will be observed by the soldiers on the firing line in a manner little different to that of last Christmas, when the soldiers left their positions, put aside their arms and fraternized during the daylight hours.

The governments have made no effort to secure a Christmas truce, but it is regarded as probable that the matter of a temporary cessation of the fighting will be left to the men themselves, by whom it is probable that mutual arrangements will be made at the various points along the front, the various sections making their own truces as best suits them.

Throughout the British Isles the celebration of the second Christmas of the war will be devoted mainly to events in which the soldiers will participate. In almost every town there will be some celebration by or for the men of the army or the navy.

More than a million and a half packages with Christmas gifts of all descriptions have been forwarded by the war office from relatives or friends of the men at the front in Europe. Six special trains and four Channel steamers have been employed during the past week in transporting these packages from London to the British front, while millions of letters have passed to and from the trenches.

The German prisoners in the various detention camps in England have prepared for elaborate celebrations, their own Christmas preparations being helped on in many cases by British residents near the detention camps.

## GREAT BRITAIN NOW IS PREPARED

J. Tushima, official of the treasury of Japan, was a passenger in the Chio Maru for Yokohama yesterday. He had been in Russia, England and Germany for four years, studying finance and economics. He had not been in Germany since the beginning of the war.

Britain now is ready for war, he said. A long-drawn-out contest is expected. From July to November, 1300 British munition and gun plants were put in operation, and they now are turning out supplies for next year's campaign. Many ships of the line, dreadnoughts and battle-cruisers, have been added to the British fleet, Mr. Tushima asserted.

Britain has money enough, he continued, but Russia has not. There has been a decrease of 29.16 per cent in her cash resources; England has lent her \$2,100,000,000 since the beginning of the war, but even now, Mr. Tushima went on, the British fear that Russia may make a separate peace with Germany because of her shortage of funds. France also has been aided by England, but she has enough money now to last until April when she will be able to take care of herself.

The economist said he expected a new loan of \$500,000,000 to the Allies to be made in New York soon. It will be recalled that the \$200,000,000 loan recently made was scaled down from the original request for \$1,000,000,000.

## PRESIDENTIAL COUPLE AT YULETIDE FESTIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Mingle Freely With Hotel Guests

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) HOT SPRINGS, Virginia, December 25.—The President and Mrs. Wilson were amongst the many guests which participated in the Christmas Eve celebration given at their hotel here last night, the Wilsons mingling freely with the other guests in their first public appearance since their wedding.

A Christmas tree was one of the evening's events, both the President and Mrs. Wilson receiving numerous gifts from the hotel Santa Claus. The Wilsons dined by themselves, but joined the general celebration immediately after dinner.

CASUALTIES OF BRITISH EXCEED A HALF-MILLION  
(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, December 24.—Premier Asquith announced today that the total British casualties up to December 24 are 578,227, of whom 119,923 were killed.